

DOMINION OF CANADA.

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FROM

THE EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.,

TO

GOVERNOR-GENERAL THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN YOUNG, BART., K.C.B.,

RESPECTING

THE RECENT FENIAN RAID INTO CANADA.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty,
25th July, 1870.

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Downing Street,
5th July, 1870.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 132, of the 9th ultimo, with its enclosures, relating to the recent Fenian raid.

I have read with sustained interest the graphic accounts given by Colonel Smith and Colonel Bagot of the two affairs which resulted in the repulse and route of the Fenians on the Missisquoi and Huntingdon frontiers. I have sincere pleasure in acknowledging the conduct of the officers, the courage, alacrity, and discipline of the Volunteers and Militia, and the zeal and helpful enthusiasm of the farmers and country people on both the points of attack.

The discredit and ridicule attaching to these marauders on account of their signal overthrow when they had scarcely crossed the frontier must cripple, if not utterly destroy, the means of re-organizing expeditions as wicked and unjustifiable in their conception as they have proved to be feeble and unsuccessful in their execution. The genuine admiration of the spirit and behaviour of the Canadian levies which pervades the reports of Colonel Smith and Colonel Bagot is the best evidence that their easy success is not so much due to the character of their opponents as to the intrinsic qualities of the Canadians, the promptitude, courage, and intelligence which make individuals distinguished and a nation great.

The Right Honourable Sir John Young, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GRANVILLE.

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